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Local Scene

Sunset Ave. closure

Work on the Lower Northwest Interceptor sewage project is expected to close Sunset Avenue between Lisbon and North Harbor through Friday this week, daily from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Traffic controls will be in effect during temporary closures in each direction.

Photo history

A photo history book of West Sacramento (including Broderick, Bryte and Southport) since the 1800s is now for sale, thanks to a commission by the West Sacramento Historical Society. For $21.55 (including tax) you can see what the region has looked like over the years – and you may even see a photo of someone you know. Call 371-7678 or 296-5616.

Grant program

The City of West Sacramento is selecting grant requests through the 2004-05 Community Mini-Grant program. A total of $20,000 is available for organizations serving the region. Applications must be turned in to the parks department by January 31. Call 617-4620 for information.

Foster parenthood

The Soroptimist International of West Sacramento will host a "Why Become a Foster Parent?" workshop on Saturday, Jan. 22, from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Arthur Turner Branch Library, 1212 Merkley Avenue. There is a need for new foster parents in West Sacramento, reports Soroptimist, because the region has high incidence of child neglect and abuse but lower participation of foster parents. Call *82-372-5117 for information.

Little League

West Sacramento Little League is holding online registration for the 2005 season on January 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sidewalk Pizza, on Jan. 19 from 6-8 p.m. at the new Round Table Pizza in Southport, and on Jan. 22 from 11 am. to 1 p.m. at Sidewalk Pizza. Online signups are at www.westsacll.com. You may also phone Jeff Morazzini, 996-6160, for information.

Golden Years

The Golden Years Club of West Sacramento will host a pot luck dinner at the VFW Hall, 905 Drever St., on Tuesday, Jan. 18 at 5:30 p.m. Please bring your own service. For more information on the club, which serves people 50 and older, call 371-8479 or 371-8126.

Casino trip

The Italian Catholic Federation Branch 282 will sponsor a bus trip to the Jackson Casino in Jackson on January 24. Cost is $20, with a casino rebate of $10. Departure at 10 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. For reservations, call Alma, 371-4871.

Kindergarten

Registration for 2005-2006 kindergarteners at Our Lady of Grace School will be held Thursday, Feb. 10, at 6:30 p.m. Children must be age five by Sept. 1. Please bring a birth certificate, immunization records, a $250 registration fee and baptism certificate (if applicable). Call 371-9416 for information.

Crab feed

The Collings Teen Center and Huntington's Disease Society of America will host a crab feed fundraiser on Sat., Feb. 12, at the teen center, 1541 Merkley Avenue. The event will benefit both organizations. Call 372-1894 for information.

College aid

River City High School will host a financial aid information night on Wed., Jan. 19, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the school library. Senior class students bound for college or trade school, and their parents, are invited.

Gala

The West Sacramento police and firefighter gala will be held from 5:30-11 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5, at the "ziggurat" building. Black-tie optional; dinner and dancing, music by Mumbo Gumbo. There will be a silent auction, and catering will be by Red Bag Catering. $50 per person; sponsorships available. Proceeds benefit the Collings West Sacramento Teen Center. Call 617-4940 or 617-4603.

Electronics disposal

Beginning January 1, there will be no fees to dispose of computer monitors or televisions at the Yolo County Landfill. Current fees ($12-$25) will be in effect until that date. Beginning Jan. 1, a new state law will include a recycling fee with the sale of new TVs or computer monitors to help pay for the free disposal program.

Supporting elderly

Nugget Market has signed up for a program to benefit the Elderly Nutrition Program of Yolo County, which helps provide services including meals for shut-in seniors. Bring your Nugget receipts to a drop box at the store in West Sacramento and the store will donate 1% of the value tabulated on all collected receipts to the Elderly Nutrition Program. Receipts may also be delivered to the meal site manager, Patty Hickey, at the West Sacramento Senior Center, 666 Cummins Way.

Pipeline info

An informational meeting on the Lower Northwest Interceptor Project will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 25, at the West Sacramento Civic Center. The meeting will cover the issue of potential impacts from "dewatering" – removing water from the ground – during construction. Please call (916) 567-6309 in advance if you plan to attend.

'Toying with science'

A new exhibition uses toys to "have a ball playing with physical science" at the Explorit Science Center, 3141 5th Street in Davis. The exhibit runs through March 13, and cost is $3 per person (ages 4 and up). The exhibit uses toys to "play" with concepts such as gravitational pull and energy transfer. Call (530) 756-0191.

Book sale

The East Yolo Friends of the Library will hold a book sale this weekend at the community room of the Arthur F. Turner Branch Library, 1212 Merkley Avenue. Saturday's hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday's are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations of gently-used books and magazines, as well as audio and video materials, can be made to the library during business hours.

Martial art

The city parks department offers an ongoing class in Tai-Chi-Chung, a self-defense strategy used primarily for gentle exercise. The class meats Mondays 7-8 p.m. and Wednesdays 7-8 a.m. at the civic center. Fee is $50 for five

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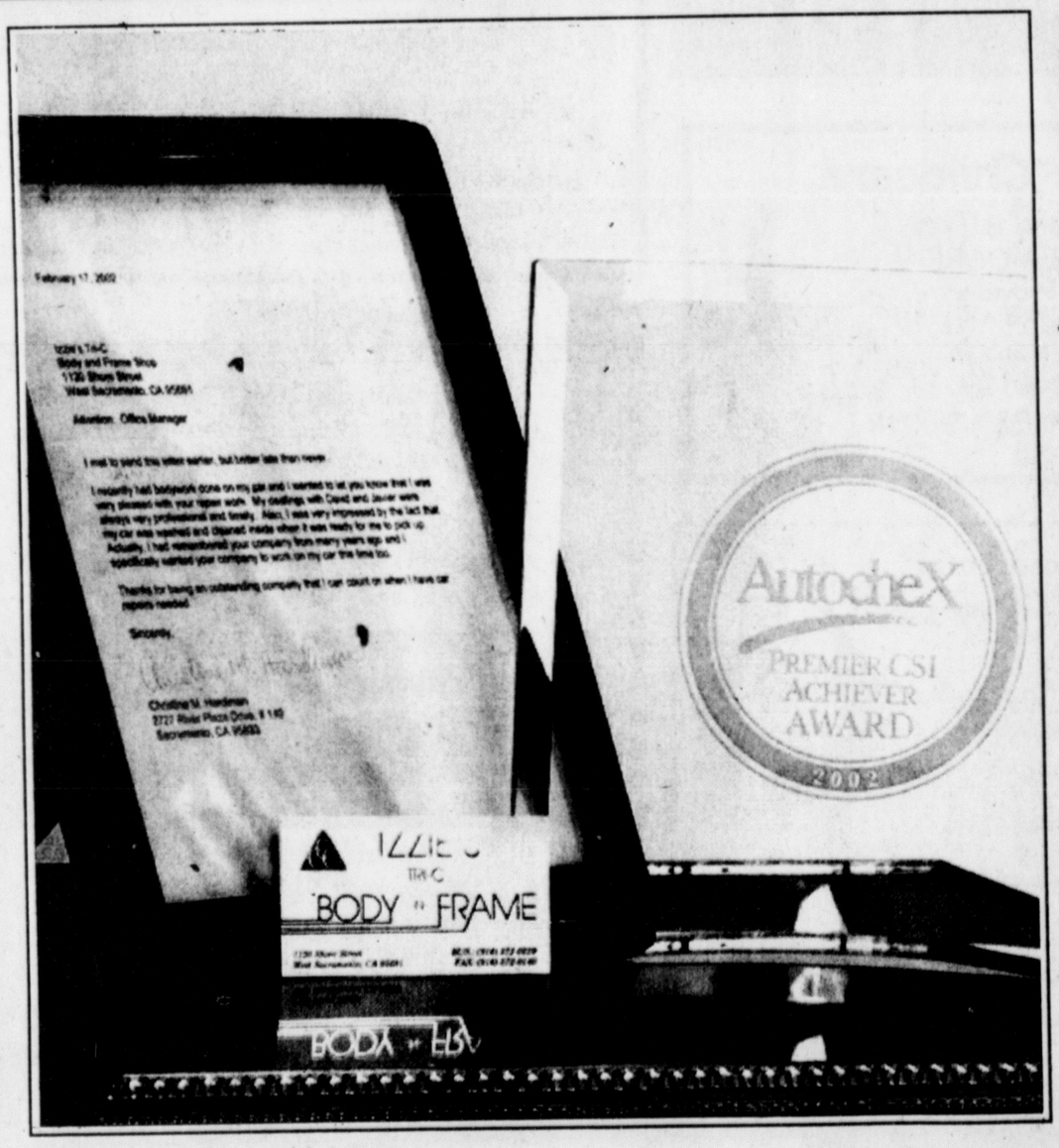

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Some of the 'trivia' your local government is up to: planning uses for hundreds of acres of port land, switching you from PG&E to SMUD, building a new high school. See Page 4.

Police log
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Finally, a deal: WUSD buys land for new high school campus

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

Nearly a year after West Sacramento approved a $52 million school bond, the local school district has secured the remaining acreage necessary for construction of a planned new high school. The new acreage will join adjacent property already purchased from the Iwasaki family as the site for the new campus. Together, the two properties will total about 90 acres.

"That entire purchase has been completed and we're in escrow," reported Patrick Campbell, Superintendent of the Washington Unified School District, yesterday. He was speaking of acreage owned by West Sacramento's Frugoli family. The land is located along Jefferson Boulevard southeast of the Linden Road intersection.

Details of the new purchase weren't available at press time. But in broad terms, the school district exchanged Southport acreage with a housing developer and paid cash on top of the trade.

After months of unsuccessful negotiations over a price for the school district's planned purchase of the Frugoli property, the land's owners last year contracted to sell it to American Land Company, a developer. The company was "evidently" aware that Washington Unified wanted the property, said Campbell, and the company in turn wanted school district land in the nearby Arlington Oaks area.

So a switch was agreed upon, with additional cash paid to the developer.

The district paid $200,000 per acre for the Iwasaki property, which was zoned for more intensive home development than the Frugoli property.

The school board plans a special meeting Feb. 1 to talk about the plans for the new campus, which could serve as many as 3,000 future students at a time.

On stage in Woodland

YOLO COUNTY CULTURE: Steve Cairns and Heather Tinling are among those featured in "I Ought to be in Pictures," playing January 28 to February 20 at the Woodland Opera House. For more information, contact the Opera House at (530) 666-9617.

RCHS student stabbed in after-school attack

■ Second student was punched and kicked by teens from three cars in the same incident near campus Friday

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

Three carloads of teens attacked a pair of River City High School students after school on Friday near the campus, sending one to the hospital in serious condition with stab wounds.

As of yesterday, there was still no clear motive for the attack, said Sergeant Ray Bombardier of the West Sacramento Police Department.

The two victims were about a block from the high school near Longcroft Street and Meadow Road when the attack happened at about 3 p.m.

"Three carloads of juveniles wound up chasing the two juvenile victims," commented Bombardier. "My understanding is the two juvenile victims split up. One of them got stabbed, and one of them just got beat up."

According to police and school sources, Ivan Calvillo suffered five wounds and experienced a collapsed lung, leading to a trip to the UC Davis Medical Center in serious condition. Bombardier reported that the Calvillo was "doing well" as of yesterday. William Windsor, the youth who was kicked and punched, was examined and released.

"There were about 16 or 18 people in the three cars," said Bombardier adding that the suspects appeared to be males. "One of the cars was a Honda and one was a Jeep Cherokee."

It wasn't clear whether the attackers were also West Sacramento students, or youths from out of town.

"Nobody recognized them," said Bombardier. And while the victims were both cooperative with police at the scene, they couldn't shed any light on the attack, he said.

"I just don't think they know what brought this on. The victims were saying they don't know why this happened."

The police department's two "school resource officers" were both at the campus when classes started next yesterday morning following the holiday.

Attracting businesses, creating workers:

Developing West Sac's economy

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

West Sacramento's city council tonight will be asked to cap a several-month study project and adopt a longterm economic development strategy for the city.

Among the highlights of the proposed plan:

■ West Sacramento will shift away from seeking more of the traditional local industries such as the "distribution" sector (which includes the Port of Sacramento and local warehousing. Instead, it may pursue biotechnology, retail, logistics (the "brains behind distribution," including software and operations), food processing and fuel cell technology. Each of these new priority industries already has a presence in West Sacramento – including the fuel cell research center on Industrial Boulevard, financed by eight major auto manufacturers.

■ The city will focus on "workforce development." Specifics include continued pursuit of a planned new community college center, strengthening of the K-12 educational system, and more effort towards workforce training – including specific programs for Latino and other non-English speaking workers.

Workforce development may also include a $50,000-per-year campaign to tell students, teachers and parents of options beyond high school other than college – such as vocational training, careers and entrepreneurship opportunities.

■ West Sacramento will crack down on code enforcement issues such as "open storage." Landowners could be required to take a property management course if they are cited for some issues.

■ The city may try to strengthen its transportation linkage with UC Davis, along with the cities of Davis and Sacramento.

■ Redevelopment of vacant or underused facilities into "unique live/work" arrangements, and the improvement of local telecommunications infrastructure, are both on the chalk board.

■ Creation of an "arts and entertainment district" in the city could be a priority. The report recommends earmarking one percent of all capital improvement projects for public art, or a development fee of one percent to fund public art.

The plan was developed by the consulting firm Angelou Economics.

Yolo & West Sac split the difference on tax share dispute

Yolo County will reimburse West Sac $2.2 million

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

At least one other Yolo city -- Davis -- has settled a claim that Yolo County has not shared enough of its redevelopment area land taxes.

West Sacramento and Yolo County have settled a longstanding dispute over how to share property tax money from the city's redevelopment area. The settlement will allow Yolo County to continue with its formula for "passing through" taxes to West Sacramento's redevelopment agency, but will require the county to compensate West Sacramento's redevelopment agency $2.2 million over ten years.

"The agreement finds some middle ground and continues the current pass-through agreement, but provides some modest payback to the agency," said Val Toppenberg, director of the West Sacramento Redevelopment Agency.

The dispute of several years comes from differences in interpreting changes to California law which came when the state shifted some of the city and county share of property taxes to local school districts, while the state simultaneously trimmed its own contribution to schools. The changes resulted in some "arcane technical" disagreements over what the new formula for splitting the taxes ought to be when they involved redevelopment agencies.

"The agreement says (West Sacramento) is no longer going to contest the technique of pass-through," said Toppenberg. It requres Yolo County to pay $200,000 on execution of the agreement and ten annual credits of $200,000 each."

Also part of the agreement is a deal to allow West Sacramento to buy a disused commercial parcel at 1725 West Capitol Avenue for $100,000 – the amount of its back tax bill. The county obtained the property when it defaulted on taxes.

New books:

"Your Garagenous Zone: Innovative Ideas for the Garage" by Bill West, CRS.

"Intimate Weddings: Planning a Small Wedding That Fits Your Budget and Style" by Christina Friedrichsen.

"Vanilla: The Cultural History of the World's Favorite Flavor and Fragrance" by Patricia Rain.

"Chance: A Guide to Gambling, Love, the Stock Market, & Just About Everything Else" by Amir D. Aczel.

"Hetty: The Genius and Madness of America's First Female Tycoon" by Charles Slack.

Call 375-6465 for information and library hours.

Ag commissioner honored —

From the County of Yolo

Rick Landon, County Agriculture Commissioner, was honored as Manager of the Year at last week's Board of Supervisors meeting in Woodland.

The award was presented by Vic Singh, County Administrative Officer, who annually selects one County department head for this honor.

Citing a long list of achievements, including the development of an organic farmers certification program and the formation of a County Ag Futures Alliance, Singh stated, "It's amazing to me that Rick has done all this in only three years."

In conjunction with the Yolo County Farm Bureau, Landon formed the Yolo County Watershed Group to address water quality issues. He has provided technical assistance to the Board of Supervisors relating to its interest in Conaway Ranch, 17,000 acres of ag land in the Yolo Bypass that the County is attempting to acquire through eminent domain for public benefit.

Landon and his staff worked to prevent glassy-wing sharp shooter infiltration in the County by intercepting infected nursery stock coming in from Riverside County. He and his staff investigated unexplained cow deaths on a lo-

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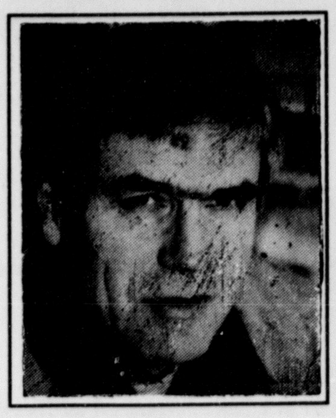

By Daryl Fisher

And there it was. Last Wednesday. A little three paragraph blurb way back on Page A7 of the Sacramento Bee under the heading, "U.S. ends Iraqi weapons search". More specifically, the lead paragraph simply said, "The top U.S. weapons inspector in Iraq, Charles A. Duelfer, has wrapped up his work there, a step that ends the American search for illicit weapons in that country." And the final paragraph added that although Duelfer was likely to issue other statements down the road, "none would contradict the central conclusions that Iraq did not possess illicit weapons at the time of the invasion."

That tiny article was elaborated on a bit by an ABC online news story I happened to read which said, "The search for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq has quietly concluded without any evidence of the banned weapons that President Bush cited as justification for going to war." White House press secretary Scott McClellan added, "Our mission is focused elsewhere now."

You know, it really wasn't that long ago that National Security Adviser and soon-to-be Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was telling anyone who would listen that if we didn't immediately invade Iraq it wouldn't be very long before mushroom clouds from nuclear bombs would be floating high above our major cities. And she was just one influential person in a whole team of White House opinion makers -- led of course by President Bush himself -- who was out there on the political stump almost daily haranguing the American public (and the world for that matter) with misrepresentations and exaggerations about the need to rush this country to war with Iraq. And sadly, it worked.

And not only did the majority of the American people buy into such falsehoods as Saddam Hussein and Iraq being part of the terrorist network which had struck us on September 11th, and that it was far better to invade Iraq and fight terrorism there (although at the time there was not a single terrorist anywhere to be found in Iraq) instead of here at home, the overwhelming majority of our politicians swallowed the whole tall tale, too. Even the so-called liberal media didn't seem to have the will or the guts to point out in any great detail that a war with Iraq just might not turn out to be the piece of cake and the walk in the park that President Bush and his neo-conservative advisors were absolutely sure it was going to be.

And so here we are, almost two years into a god-awful military mess that has no end anywhere in sight. More than 1,350 American Marines and soldiers have died and ten times that many have been wounded. Tens of thousands of Iraqis have perished, many of them women and children. The vast majority of the world thinks we've gone nuts and now we are being told, so what if there were no weapons of mass destruction found in Iraq, didn't we get rid of a nasty dictator who enjoyed killing his own people (even if our government was in love with the guy a couple of decades ago when he was slaughtering Iranians). And so what if the original reason we told you we were going to war was all lies and half-truths based on faulty intelligence, won't it be wonderful to see a budding democracy in that part of the world (even though the best we can realistically hope for is a better, "elected dictator" or a more reasonable, pro-Western Islamic theocracy than the one in neighboring Iran).

Anyway, as I was mentioning all this to my old conservative friend (who goes by the name of Newt when he appears in this column) and he said, "Aw, Daryl, that is just a bunch of sour grapes because the really smart people in this country -- who live in the red states by the way -- re-elected George W."

"But John Kerry was not really any different on the war in Iraq than Bush was," I reminded my friend. "He voted for it and was out there campaigning to fight the thing to the bitter end, too. That's the problem. This is not a Republican/Democrat thing. It seems to me that almost none of our politicians -- before the war and now -- and before the presidential election and now -- have had the guts to stand up and tell us the truth."

"Which is?"

"Which is that going to war in Iraq was the most stupid foreign policy decision ever made by a United States president."

"Well," said Newt, who is a very practical man, "I guess the historians will have to figure all that out, but we're there now, the American people have okayed the whole thing by re-electing the president, and we simply have to make the best of it."

"But that is what we did in Vietnam," I reminded him, "and we made the best of it for 12 long bloody years."

"You know," said Newt, "you Vietnam vets are all the same -- afraid to use American military force. And we're not going to be in Iraq for no 12 years -- I can promise you that."

"But how do you know that?" I asked. "They're about to have something which will try to pass for elections that I bet will only make matters worse, and although we'll have at least 150,000 troops there by the end of the year, that will still not be enough to secure the place, especially since no matter how fast we try to train Iraqi troops to take over the fighting and the dying, in both numbers and willingness, they're simply not up to the task -- just like we could never get the South Vietnamese military to fully take over the Vietnam War."

"You really need to get beyond all those so-called lessons we learned in that Vietnam War of yours and think more positively about what we're doing in Iraq," Newt told me. "That's one of the things I love most about President Bush -- he's always so positive and hopeful."

"You know," I said, "if William Jefferson Clinton had gotten us into this nation-building mess which is going to cost taxpayers a small fortune before it is over, not to mention all the fine American young men and women who are going to have to make the ultimate sacrifice before we finally find a way to declare victory and leave, you and your conservative friends would be screaming for his bloody hide."

"Maybe so," said Newt, "but at least now we have a real leader -- a truly moral man of faith and conviction in the White House. And that's the important thing."

As our conversation ended, I couldn't help but wonder what a high price this country has decided to pay to make sure there are no longer any Clinton-style shenanigans going on in the Oval Office.

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Duane Coe died on January 13, 2005 at the age of 48. He was a native of West Sacramento and a resident of Bangor, California for the past three years. He was the loving son of Carthen and Darlene Coe of West Sacramento; the dear brother of Deanna Ridenour (Joe) and Deborah McMurphy (Frank); the devoted companion of Julie Jackson and her daughter, Ashlee Jackson; and is also survived by many beloved aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandmothers, Elizabeth Hart and Emmie Portillo.

Duane was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and was very respectful to his parents and was a loving son. He was very protective of his sisters and a wonderful companion. His humor, love, kindness and thoughtfulness will be cherished forever.

The family invites you to attend a visitation from 4-8 p.m. on January 20, 2005 and a funeral service at 2 p.m. on January 21, 2005 at Sunset Lawn Chapel of the Chimes, 4701 Marysville Boulevard in Sacramento. Entombment will follow at Sunset Lawn Memorial Park.

'The rest of the story'

How about those 'great' loans in those mortgage ads?

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David Trussell

Have you noticed the amount of mortgage loan advertising lately?

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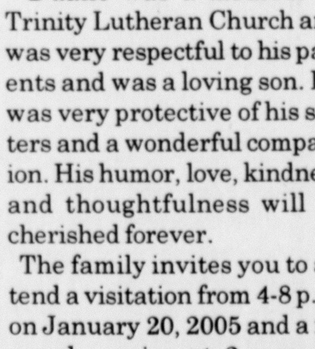

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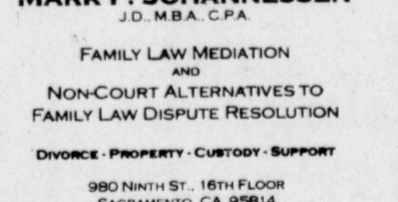

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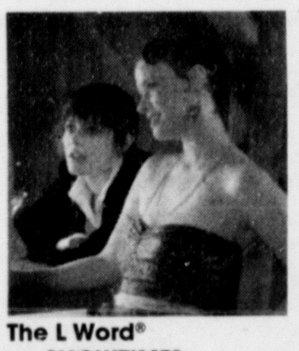

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Gross Behavior Comes Naturally to Dogs

Q: Why do dogs sniff other dogs' rears, roll in nasty stuff, and pee in several different spots? It's disgusting! —*Joe E., Dothan, Ala.*

A. It may be disgusting to you and me, but to a dog, it's like surfing the information superhighway (to borrow a badly overused cliché). Dogs use their very acute sense of smell to find out all sorts of things, including where they are and whether they're in danger or not.

When walking your dog, you may see numerous behaviors that are not socially acceptable among humans. For example, your dog will want to sniff every light pole, fire hydrant or bush along the path. It's picking up "markers" left by other dogs — finding out which dogs have been in the neighborhood recently. Your dog may leave a mark of its own by lifting its leg and peeing in the same spot. This is a way of establishing territory, or just saying, "Hey, I'm here too."

When dogs meet for the first time — or after not seeing each other for a while — they often circle each other and sniff. This is a ritual that helps dogs establish each other's identity and status without resorting to aggression.

What about rolling in nasty stuff, like garbage? Animal experts theorize that the practice is a way that dogs instinctively disguise their scent. Even more disgusting are dogs that eat animal feces. This is a more common practice than most folks like to admit. And while this also stems from an instinctive trait (wild dogs often supplement their diets this way), owners should discourage their pets from doing so because of the risk of parasites.

So there you have it — just a few of the disgusting things your dog is prone to do. And I'm sure that, as the years pass, your dog will continue to amaze you with the smelly, unpalatable, gross things it gets into. Just consider it one of the many joys of pet ownership.

Send your tips, questions and comments to Paws Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or e-mail them to pawscorner@hotmail.com.

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cal ranch, responded to public complaints about defective gasoline products sold at a local service station, improved the hazardous materials public reporting program and implemented a roadside weed management program.

"This is a well-deserved recognition," stated Board Chairwoman Helen Thomson, District 2 Supervisor. "You are a bridge – a non-obstructionist," Thomson stated, referring to Landon's work mediating between the agriculture interests and the environmental interests in Yolo County.

Landon has been the Yolo County Agriculture Commissioner since 2001. He has a degree in zoology from UCLA. He began his career as an Agricultural Biologist in Santa Barbara County. He served as Deputy Agricultural Commissioner in San Luis Obispo County for 11 years and then served as Assistant Agricultural Commissioner in Sutter County for three years before coming to Yolo County.

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When the first baby laughed for the first time, the laugh broke into a thousand pieces and they all went skipping about, and that was the beginning of fairies.
—James M. Barrie

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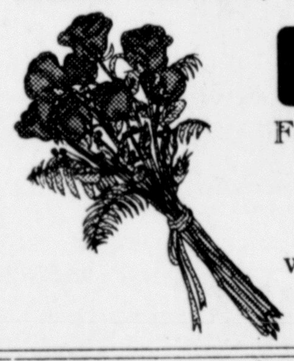

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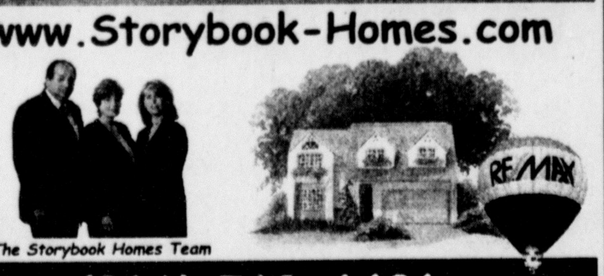

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Pulling the plug on PG&E is among local government topics

A report on the feasibility of **changing utility providers** for West Sacramento, Davis, Woodland and Yolo County is now available online at http://www.smudannexationstudy.com.

The report considers likely costs of switching from PG&E service to SMUD service. Cosponsored by SMUD and the affected areas, the report concludes with some confidence that ratepayers would see their bills go down if they switch to SMUD service. PG&E officials have challenged that conclusion, saying, among other things, that the report undervalues PG&E's assets in the region and the cost of buying them.

The report will also be a topic of discussion at tonight's West Sacramento City Council meeting -- see below.

The **West Sacramento City Council** will meet in open session tonight at 7 p.m. at 1110 West Capitol Avenue. Its Feb. 2 meeting has been canceled, but the council will meet again on Feb. 9 and 16.

Among the agenda items tonight:

Invitation to bid for asbestos and lead abatement and demolition of 15th Street fire station; changes to city zoning ordnance; bids for the Sacramento Avenue bike lane project; consideration of additional fire captain; exclusive negotiating agreement with Leonard Development for old Washington firehouse; agreement with Los Rios Community College District for new college center in West Sacra-

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Notice of Trustee's Sale T.S. No. 200203900 - 22682 Title Order No. 2458889 Loan No. 0016753675 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/02/1989. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. Trustor(s): Steven P. Koehler and Lori A. Koehler, husband and wife Recorded: 10/06/1989, as Instrument No. 022619, in Book 2062, on Page 226, of Official Records of Yolo County, California; Date of Sale: 02/08/2005 at 12:00 p.m. Place of Sale: At the rear (north) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA The purported property address is: 633 Kegle Drive, West Sacramento, California 95691 Assessors Parcel No. 014-287-01-1 Legal Description: LOT 102, ELKHORN VILLAGE NO. 6, FILED SEPTEMBER 24, 1956, IN BOOK 5 OF MAPS, PAGE 36, AS AMENDED BY RECORD OF SURVEY, FILED APRIL 4, 1957, IN BOOK 8 OF MAPS AND SURVEYS, PAGE NO. 12, YOLO COUNTY RECORDS. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $40,545.21. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 01/14/2005 Meimet Default Services, Inc., FKA The Law Offices of Steven J. Meimet, Inc., As Trustee Hilda Delgado, Authorized Signatory 1820 E. First Street Suite 210 Santa Ana, California 92705 Sale Information Line: 916.387.7728 Sale Information Website: Reinstatement and Pay-Off Requests: 949.622.3388. THIS OFFICE IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ASAP627068 1/19, 1/26, 2/2

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
(UCC Sec. 6105)
Escrow No. 513400-MB
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s) and business address(es) of the seller(s) is/are: DON JUDD, 3920 WEST CAPITOL AVE #100, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691
Doing business as: KATHYS KITCHEN
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s), is/are: NONE
The name(s) and business address of the buyer(s) is/are: OLGA L. BARAJAS, 3920 WEST CAPITOL AVE, #100, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691
The assets being sold are generally described as: FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, INVENTORY, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS and is located at: 3920 WEST CAPITOL AVE #100, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY, 2180 HARVARD STREET,SUITE 310, SACRAMENTO, CA 95815 and the anticipated sale date is FEBRUARY 4, 2005
The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.
The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY, 2180 HARVARD STREET, SUITE 310, SACRAMENTO, CA 95815 and the last day for filing claims by any creditor shall be FEBRUARY 3, 2005, which is the business day before the anticipated sale date specified above.
Dated: JANUARY 13, 2005
OLGA L. BARAJAS, Buyer(s)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE(S)
(UCC Sec. 6105 et seq. and B & P Sec. 24073 et seq.)
Escrow No. 513374-MB
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is about to be made. Then name(s), Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers and business address of the seller(s)/licensee(s) are: SUKHDEV SINGH DHILLON AND BIKRAM SINGH, 3360 JEFFERSON BLVD, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA, 95691
Doing business as: SOUTHPORT MART
All other business names(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s)/licensee(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s)/licensee(s), is/are: NONE
The name(s), Social Security or Federal Tax numbers and address of the buyer(s)/applicant(s) is/are: HARVINDER KAUR AND RANJIT SINGH SAROYA, 3360 JEFFERSON BLVD, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA, 95691
The assets being sold are generally described as: FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, LICENSE, INVENTORY, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS and are located at: 3360 JEFFERSON BLVD, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA, 95691
The type and number of license to be transferred is/are: Type: OFF SALE BEER AND WINE, License Number: 20-416572 now issued for the premises located at: 3360 JEFFERSON BLVD, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA, 95691 for a total consideration amount of $315,000.00
The bulk sale and transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is/are intended to be consummated at the office of: FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY, 2180 HARVARD STREET, SUITE 310, SACRAMENTO, CA 95815 and the anticipated sale date is FEBRUARY 4, 2005
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It has been agreed between the seller(s)/licensee(s) and the intended buyer(s)/transferee(s), as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions code, that the consideration for transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
Dated: JANUARY 13, 2005
SUKHDEV SINGH DHILLON AND BIKRAM SINGH, Seller(s)/Licensee(s)
HARVINDER KAUR AND RANJIT SINGH SAROYA, Buyer(s)/Applicant(s)
PCTS LA104698 NEWS-LEDGER 1-19-05

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
(UCC Sec. 6104 & Sec. 6105)
Escrow No. 12306040-856-LD1
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) of the Seller(s), is/are:
Sanjay Dagar and Victoria Dagar, 2216 West Capital Ave. West Sacramento, CA.
Doing Business as: Rosie's Country Kitchen
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are: None.
The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are: Hardeep Singh Nagra and Jasvir Kaur, 4200 Oslo Court, Antelope, CA 95843
The assets being sold are generally described as: Description: The Assets of a Certain Restaurant business known as Rosie's Country Kitchen and are located at: 2216 West Capital Ave. West Sacramento, CA.
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: Alliance Title Company, at 2250 Douglas Blvd, Suite 220, Roseville, CA 95661 and the anticipated sale date is: February 4, 2005.
The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.
The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: Alliance Title Company, 2250 Douglas Blvd., Suite 220, Roseville, CA 95661 and the last date for filing claims by any creditor shall be February 3, 2005 which is the business day before the date specified above.
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ALLIANCE TITLE COMPANY
As Agent for Transferee
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NOTICE OF HEARING
February 3, 2005

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider the following matters on Thursday, February 3, 2005, at West Sacramento Civic Center, Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at the times as specified or as soon thereafter as the matters may be heard:

6:00 p.m.

Item #1

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Storybook Daycare Center Lot Line Adjustment (ZA #04-52)

Storybook requests approval of a lot line adjustment between two existing parcels located at the southwest corner of Higgins Road and Allan Avenue. The resultant parcels would be .69 gross acres and .93 gross acres. APPLICANT: Piches Architecture, 115 Taylor Road, Roseville, CA OWNER: Storybook Cottage Daycare Center, 2455 Higgins Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691 and Victor Talani 2825 Allan Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 (SW)

B. Parlin Ranch Minor Map Modifications (ZA #03-39)

Reynen and Bardis seek approval of a minor map modification to the Parlin Ranch Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #4615. The project site is located south of Linden Road and west of Mojave Drive. The minor map modification proposes to realign roads, reconfigure lots and modify lot sizes. APPLICANT/OWNER: Reynen & Bardis, 9848 Business Park Drive, Suite H, Sacramento, CA 95827 (SW)

REGULAR AGENDA

Item #2 – Public Hearing on "F" Street Commerce Center Tentative Map No. 4760 (TSM 04-21) This item is a request to subdivide a 18.14 net acre industrial development containing six existing lots into seven lots ranging from 1.3 to 3.2 net acres in area. All parcels are to be served by reciprocal easements. The property is located at 819, 825, 839, 845, 859 and 879 F Street (APN #'s 10-340-12,-13,-14,-17,-18 & -19) and is located in the M-1 (Light Industrial) zone. A Negative Declaration has been prepared on this project. OWNER: Wong-Catlin West Sacramento L.P., Wong Family Investors L.P., Wannas Enterprises LLC and Balboa Investment Group LLC, c/o RSC Engineering Inc., 2270 Douglas Boulevard, Suite 205, Roseville, CA 95661. APPLICANT: Catlin Properties, 3620 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Suite 150, Sacramento, CA 95864. (CH)

Item #3 – Storybook Cottage Daycare Center Major Conditional Use Permit Modification (CUP #01-05) – This item seeks approval of a major modification to a conditional use permit. The applicant proposes to demolish the existing 2,040 square foot daycare facility and construct a new 6,002 square foot facility that will accommodate 120 children. The property is located at the southeast corner of Higgins Road and Allan Avenue (APN 45-123-13, 26) and is zoned RRA (Rural Residential Agricultural). A Negative Declaration has been prepared on this project. OWNER: Storybook Cottage Daycare Center, 2455 Higgins, West Sacramento, CA 95691 and Victor Talani, 2825 Allan Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 APPLICANT: Piches Architecture, 115 Taylor Avenue, Roseville, CA (SW)

Item #4- Southport Major Residential Project Discussion

This item will be an update to the Planning Commission of where staff stands in reviewing and ranking the five major development projects in Southport. These projects include Harborpointe, River Park, Yarbrough, the Parks at Southport, and University Park (SP).

Item #5 - Draft Inclusionary Ordinance Implementing the Housing Element of the City's General Plan- A draft of an inclusionary housing ordinance revising the Inclusionary Housing Policy that was adopted by the City in November, 2003 has been prepared by the Grants and Community Investment Department and Planning Division. The Inclusionary Housing Ordinance identifies the procedures for meeting the City's inclusionary housing obligation for sale and rental moderate and low-income housing in all areas of the City outside of the Redevelopment Area (PD& SR).

Item #6 - Urban Separator Study- Clustering Proposal- As a means of implementing the Urban Separator Study staff has prepared a clustering concept. The clustering concept will provide for additional units in the Rural Estate zone in exchange for limitations on build able lot area and protection of open space on the parcel. Changes are also proposed for the Rural Estate (RE) zoning standards (SR)

Stephen M. Patek, Director
Community Development Department

If you challenge any of the above items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of West Sacramento at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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News-Ledger Directory *of* Local Places *of* Worship

Anna Street Baptist Church Rev. Norman Pollitt, 371-6560 1400 Anna St., W. Sac. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. http://www.forministry.com/95605ASBC	**Community Lutheran Church** Rev. Marjorie C. Beach, Pastor 920 Drever St. ■ 371-8804 10 a.m. Worship/Sunday School Friendly, family, inclusive language. The 'come as you are' church.	**Seventh Day Adventist Church** Dennis Jones, Elder 334-9315 2860 Jefferson Blvd., W. Sac. PO Box 447, W. Sac. 95691 Sat. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. 372-6570
Trinity Presbyterian Church 1500 Park Blvd., W. Sac. Rev. Steve Whitney (916) 371-5875 Service: Sunday at 10 a.m. including children's programs.	**Holy Cross Catholic Church** 1321 Anna St. (near Todhunter) Rev. Chad Puthoff, SDS Sat. Vigil 5 p.m. (English) Sunday 9 (English) Noon & 7 p.m. (Spanish) Mon 8:30am, Tues-Wed 7am, Thurs. 6:45 (Spanish), Fri. 8:30 a.m. Call 371-1211	**First Southern Baptist Church** Rev. Gregory W. Kirk Sun. School 9:30 a.m. Sun. Worship 11am Wed. 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 2124 Michigan Blvd. 371-2111
SouthPort Community Church Pastor Bruce Maier Celebration Worship Sunday 10:30 a.m. KidLand during service. Youth & Small Group Ministry for All Ages. 2568 Industrial Blvd. 372-7818 www.southportcommunity.com	**WestSide Covenant Church** Worship Services at Collings Teen Center 1541 Merkley Ave. Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. www.westsidecov.org 371-3933	**Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church** 911 Park Blvd., 371-4814 Father James B. Walsh, Pastor Masses: Sat. Vigil 5:30pm Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m. Weekdays 7 a.m. No Mass on Thursday
Center for Spiritual Awareness 1020 W. Capitol Ave., 374-9177 Sun. services 8:30, 10 & 11 am Meditation room opens 30 minutes prior to services. Praise & worship 15 min. prior Junior church for all ages at 10 am & 11:45 am	**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints** 2667 Linden Road Bishop Ray Jackson, (916) 372-1113 Sunday Meeting Times: Sacrament Meeting, 9 a.m. PUBLIC WELCOME!	**New Discovery Christian Church** Meets at Southport Elementary School 2747 Linden Road at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Jerry Green (916) 600-3784

Notice of Significant Noncompliance
Notice of Industries Located in the City of West Sacramento Demonstrating Significant Noncompliance of Industrial Waste For The Calendar Year 2004

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) General Pretreatment Regulations for Existing and New Sources of Pollution, 40 CFR Part 403, require the city of West Sacramento Public Works Department to publish on an annual basis a list of Industrial Users which, during the previous 12 months, were significantly violating applicable Pretreatment Standards or other Pretreatment Requirements.

The following Industrial Users were found to be in significant noncompliance during the calendar year 2004. All of these companies have been subject to the City's Wastewater Treatment Plants administrative enforcement procedures.

Agrium U.S., Inc., at 3961 Channel Drive

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mento; salary adjustment for water treatment plant supervisor; development agreement for Bridgeway Lakes II;

Report on SMUD annexation feasibility study (see top paragraph); adoption of comprehensive economic development strategy; agreements for development of Riverview office building in the 'Triangle' area of the riverfront.

The project of "master planning" several hundred acres owned by the Port of Sacramento in West Sacramento's "Southport" area continues. Several public meetings are scheduled to discuss options for the land, including four alternative land use plans being developed by the consulting firm Parsons Brinckerhoff. The planning process is a joint process involving the port, the City of West Sacramento and the port's other governing partners.

The master plan will be a non-binding suggestion for the port. The port is in dire financial straits, and the future of its real estate holdings are a subject of debate.

On Thursday, city planning commission members and visitors to their meeting will receive a presentation on the four land use alternatives. The meeting will be held in the city council chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, at 6 p.m. Public comment will be accepted and will be used to help formulate the "preferred" land use alternative.

The preferred alternative is tentatively scheduled for a return to the planning commission at the commission's February 17 meeting. At the meeting, the commission will be asked to recommend the preferred alternative to the West Sacramento City Council and the Port of Sacramento.

The **Washington Unified School District's board of trustees** has rescheduled its planned Jan. 19 meeting to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 25, at the district office. The school board agenda will include discussion of the annual budget.

The board is tentatively planned to meet on the evening of Feb. 1 as well, for a discussion of plans for the new high school campus. Details have not yet been determined.

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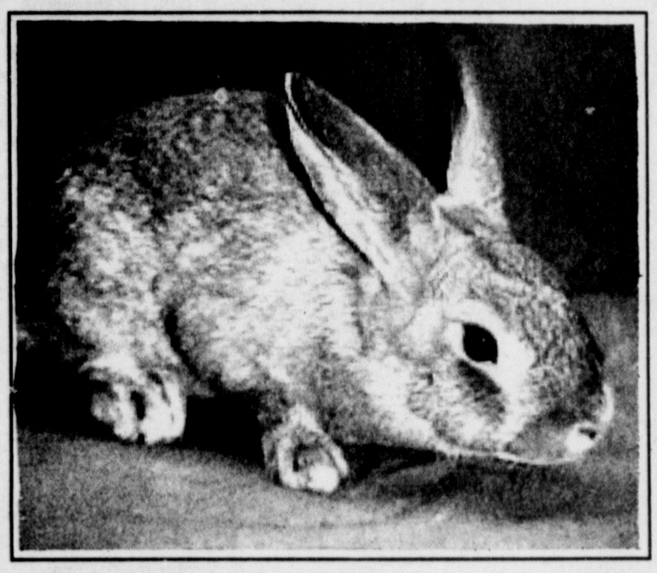
'Annabelle' (#27752, above) is a 5-year old DHL calico cat and "a great love bug." 'Candy' (#27456, below) is about eight months old. Both are available for adoption from the Yolo County Animal Shelter. Call (530) 668-5287.



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Kerry and Kendra Reynolds and Dave and Stefani Blake are proud to announce the engagement of their children, Alana Stenback and Carl Carter. Carl and Alana met in 1988 while in the first grade at Westmore Oaks Elementary School.

Carl is currently on active duty with the U.S. Marines and stationed in North Carolina. He just returned from an eight month tour of duty in Iraq.

Alana is a 2004 criminal justice graduate from California State University, Sacramento and is currently pursuing her masters degree.

Carl and Alana are 2000 graduates from West Sacramento's River City High School. Their wedding is set for June 2006.

Sports QUIZ

by Chris Richcreek

1. When was the last time the Los Angeles Dodgers had a gold-glove winner at shortstop before Cesar Izturis won the award in 2004?
2. Name the last Detroit Tigers player before Ivan Rodriguez in 2004 to be voted to the All-Star Game.
3. Which two college football teams play for the Golden Egg trophy?
4. Who are the only two NBA coaches to win division titles in each of their first three years of coaching?
5. Who entered the Hockey Hall of Fame first — Ken Dryden or Phil Esposito?
6. What country won its only men's soccer gold medal at the 1980 Olympics?
7. Who became the heavyweight boxing champion after Joe Louis retired in 1949?

Please see answers P. 11

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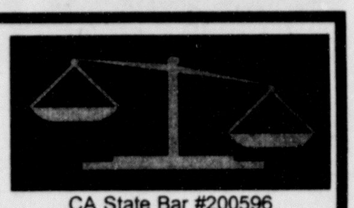

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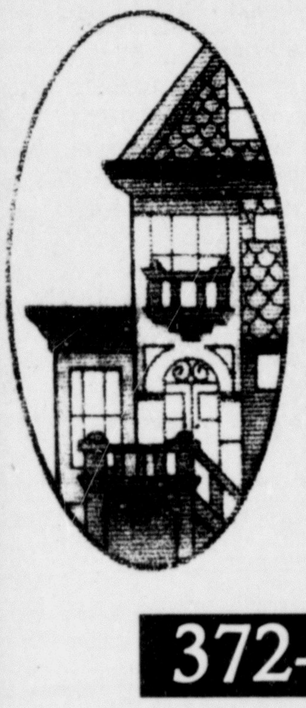

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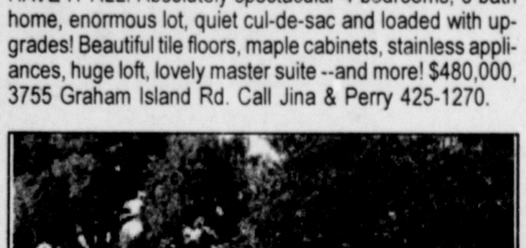

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OPINION

Letters to the Editor

In response to 'outhouse' letter

In reply to Linda Drought's letter to the editor on 12 January, regarding the sad plight of the firemen at station #41, I don't believe she knows what a genuine outhouse is, most likely from never having used one. And there are three separate trailers? One for living, one for cooking and eating, and another for the shower and the bathroom? My goodness, how inconvenient. And the bathroom trailer is a whole 61 feet away? How tough can things get? And the firemen aren't quitting or complaining? Why should they? The firemen have sense enough to realize they have a temporary very minor inconvenience.

Before talking about the recall of anyone, Linda Drought should start thinking like a rational person, wake up, look around, and come to her senses.

The city council and its staff has been, and are, doing a great job for West Sacramento and I am sure they will continue to do so.

It's great to read a letter like the one Ms. Drought wrote. Everyone needs a good laugh now and then.

WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS
West Sacramento

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CHARLES SANO
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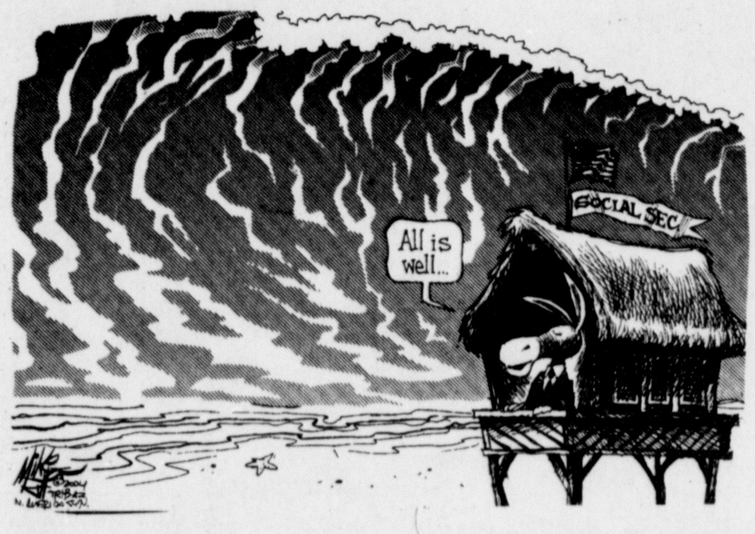

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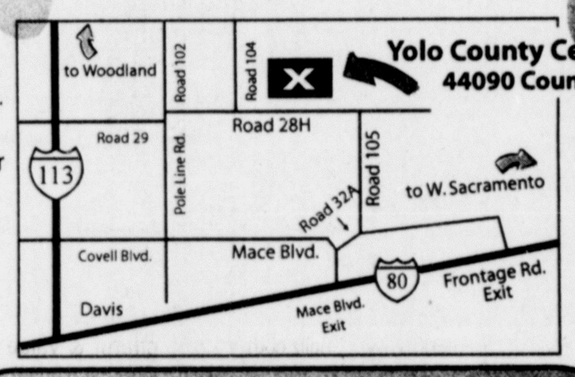

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/s/Janice Meola Sokol
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan 7, 2005
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The following person is doing business as E-Z Smog, 1460 East Main St., Suite B, Woodland CA 95695:

Michael Juneman, 1505 B 5th St., Davis CA 95616.

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by: /s/Elizabeth Montoya, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan 3, 2005
File No. 2005-06

The following person is doing business as Macias Janitorial Services, 437 Maple St. #129:

Maria Cervantes De Macias, 437 Maple St. #129, West Sacramento CA 95691.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

/s/Maria Cervantes de Macias

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Jan 3, 2005
by: /s/Elizabeth Montoya, Deputy Clerk

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File No. 2004-1294
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: TAYLOR FREEZERS OF CALIFORNIA, 545 Jefferson Blvd., Unit 17, West Sacramento, CA 95605

Taylor Freezers of Southern California, Inc., (CA) 6825 E. Washington Blvd., Commerce, CA 90040

Business classification: a corporation.

Beginning Date of business: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/1/04.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

SIGNED: TAYLOR FREEZERS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, INC., BY: THOMAS E. CAPALBO, C.O.O.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on December 27, 2004.

NOTICE-This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the Office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 21, 2004
File No. 2004-1285

The following person is doing business as AAA Automotive Repair, 975 A Olive St, Davis CA 95616:

John Vickers and Cynthia Vickers, same address.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12-21-04.

/s/John Vickers
/s/Cynthia Vickers

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Dec. 21, 2004
by: /s/Linda Smith, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan. 10, 2005
File No. 2005-37

The following person is doing business as Cache Creek Ranch Partnership, 2436 Rivendell Ln., Davis CA 95616:

Michele Laborde Pascoe, 3110 Argonaut, Rocklin CA 95677; Tamera Ramirez, 153 Palisade, Shell Beach CA 93449; Denise Laborde Morse, 2436 Rivendell Ln., Davis CA 95616; Rebecca Stanton, 9239 Posey Ln., Paradise CA 95969; Matthew Stanton, 9239 Posey Ln., Paradise CA 95969.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/10/99. Previous fictitious business name number: 2004-1187.

/s/Denise Morse, Managing Partner

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Jan. 10, 2005
by: /s/Eleigh Fagel, Deputy Clerk

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YOLO
In the Matters of: Anthony Isaiah Santos, Jose Isaac Salas, Onecima Yolanda Salas, Minors.
No. JV-03-00406, JV-03-00408, JV-03-00407
CITATION

TO: Fabian Salas

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR at a hearing in Yolo County Juvenile Court, located at 725 Court Street, Woodland, California, 95695, on March 30, 2005, at 2:30 p.m. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to permanently terminate your parental rights over the above-named minor children born to (Renee) Vera Santos on December 2, 2001, February 9, 1995 and February 25, 1996. If you wish to be represented by an attorney and are unable to afford one, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

Dated:
/s/JUDGE OF THE JUVENILE COURT

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Never interrupt your enemy when he is making a mistake.
—Napoleon Bonaparte

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Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much.
—Oscar Wilde

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PUZZLES & COMICS

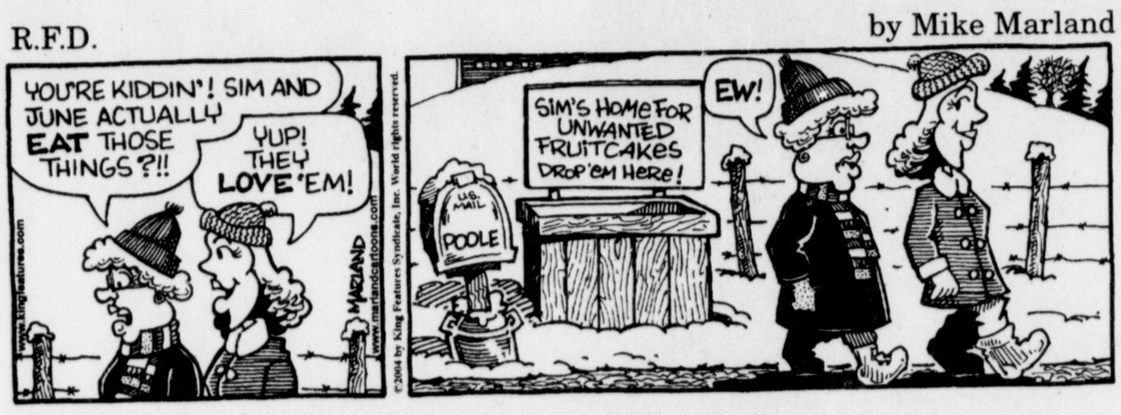
Amber Waves

by Dave Phipps

THIS NEW CEREAL THINKS JUST BECAUSE IT'S SUGARY I'LL EAT IT.
COME ON GUYS! YOU NEED A LOT MORE THAN THAT!
CRUNCH CRUNCH
IS THIS SOME KINDA JOKE? THERE'S NOTHIN IN HERE BUT CEREAL?
AmberwavescomicsAgent.com

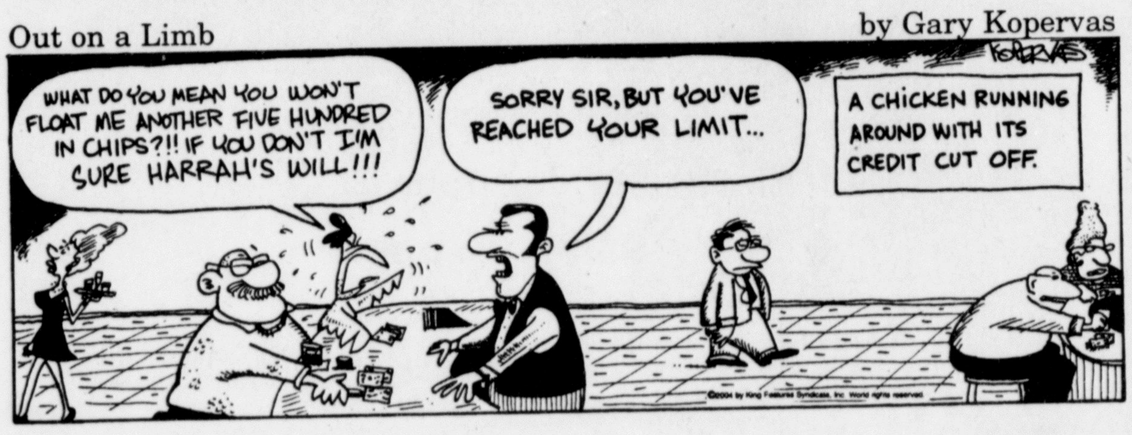
R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas


WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU WON'T FLOAT ME ANOTHER FIVE HUNDRED IN CHIPS?!! IF YOU DON'T I'M SURE HARRAH'S WILL!!!
SORRY SIR, BUT YOU'VE REACHED YOUR LIMIT...
A CHICKEN RUNNING AROUND WITH ITS CREDIT CUT OFF.

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

POPEYE
Hey Eisman
DON'T LOOK AT ME ... I'M BROKE...
...AN' ALL THESE GUYS KNOW YA ... YA AIN'T GONNA GIT NUTHIN' OUTA THEM!
SIR! YOU CAST DOUBT UPON MY ABILITY TO SNOOKER THIS ASSEMBLAGE
GENTLEMEN ... WHO AMONGST YOU WILL ADVANCE ME A SMALL SUM...
...UNTIL MY CHECK ARRIVES?
WOT CHECK?
WHY DONTCHA SCRAM?
G'WAN GIT LOST!
SHOVE OFF!
BEAT IT, YA DEADBEAT!
DROP DEAD!
YA DING-A-LING!
NOW... OBSERVE HOW I MAKE THEIR ENMITY PAY OFF!
OH, CRUEL, CRUEL WORLD...
...PENNILESS AND FRIENDLESS! IF I COULD PURCHASE A GUN, I WOULD END IT ALL!
COME, MY FRIEND...
...WE CAN NOW DINE AT A MORE MAGNIFICENT BISTRO!

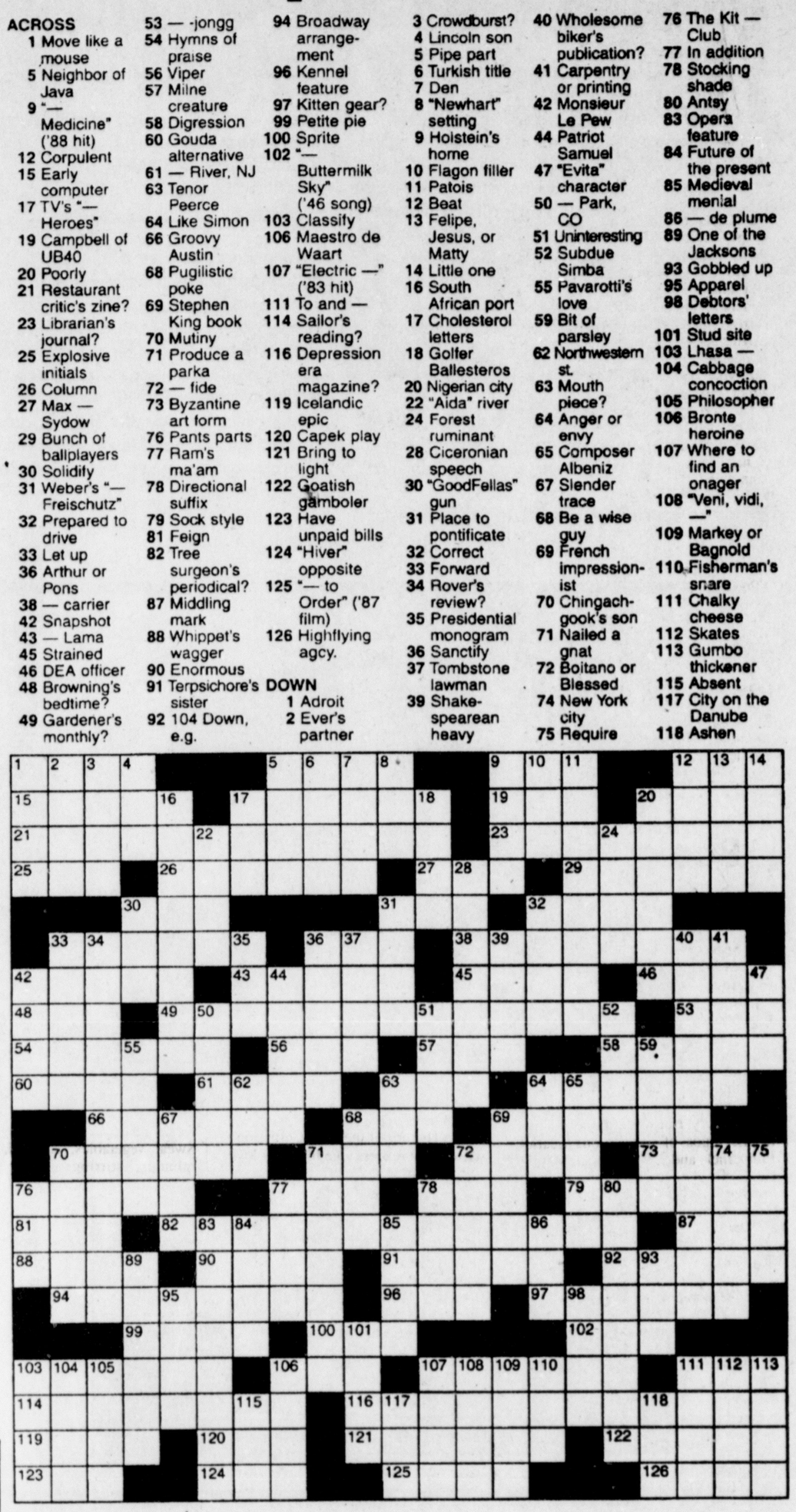
FLASH GORDON
BY JIM KEEFE
FLASH FREES MING'S PRISONERS.
FLASH! THANK TAO YOU RETURNED!
I'VE CAPTURED MING, BUT WE'RE NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET...
...THE GORKONS ARE STILL PASSING THROUGH THE SPACE PORTAL AND ATTACKING EARTH!
THEN WE MUST ACT QUICKLY. THE SYSTEM TO CONTROL THEIR MOVEMENTS IS ALREADY IN PLACE...
"...ONCE ACTIVATED, THEY'LL RETURN TO THEIR LAIR LIKE LEMMINGS TO THE SEA!"
EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!
THOOM!
NEXT: PRISONER OF THE STATE!

Super Crossword

PUNBLICATIONS

ACROSS
1 Move like a mouse
5 Neighbor of Java
9 "— Medicine" ('88 hit)
12 Corpulent
15 Early computer
17 TV's "— Heroes"
19 Campbell of UB40
20 Poorly
21 Restaurant critic's zine?
23 Librarian's journal?
25 Explosive initials
26 Column
27 Max — Sydow
29 Bunch of ballplayers
30 Solidify
31 Weber's "— Freischutz"
32 Prepared to drive
33 Let up
36 Arthur or Pons
38 — carrier
42 Snapshot
43 — Lama
45 Strained
46 DEA officer
48 Browning's bedtime?
49 Gardener's monthly?
53 — -jongg
54 Hymns of praise
56 Viper
57 Milne creature
58 Digression
60 Gouda alternative
61 — River, NJ
63 Tenor Peerce
64 Like Simon
66 Groovy Austin
68 Pugilistic poke
69 Stephen King book
70 Mutiny
71 Produce a parka
72 — fide
73 Byzantine art form
76 Pants parts
77 Ram's ma'am
78 Directional suffix
79 Sock style
81 Feign
82 Tree surgeon's periodical?
87 Middling mark
88 Whippet's wagger
90 Enormous
91 Terpsichore's sister
92 104 Down, e.g.
94 Broadway arrangement
96 Kennel feature
97 Kitten gear?
99 Petite pie
100 Sprite
102 "— Buttermilk Sky" ('46 song)
103 Classify
106 Maestro de Waart
107 "Electric —" ('83 hit)
111 To and —
114 Sailor's reading?
116 Depression era magazine?
119 Icelandic epic
120 Capek play
121 Bring to light
122 Goatish gamboler
123 Have unpaid bills
124 "Hiver" opposite
125 "— to Order" ('87 film)
126 Highflying agcy.

DOWN
1 Adroit
2 Ever's partner
3 Crowdburst?
4 Lincoln son
5 Pipe part
6 Turkish title
7 Den
8 "Newhart" setting
9 Holstein's home
10 Flagon filler
11 Patois
12 Beat
13 Felipe, Jesus, or Matty
14 Little one
16 South African port
17 Cholesterol letters
18 Golfer Ballesteros
20 Nigerian city
22 "Aida" river
24 Forest ruminant
28 Ciceronian speech
30 "GoodFellas" gun
31 Place to pontificate
32 Correct
33 Forward
34 Rover's review?
35 Presidential monogram
36 Sanctify
37 Tombstone lawman
39 Shake-spearean heavy
40 Wholesome biker's publication?
41 Carpentry or printing
42 Monsieur Le Pew
44 Patriot Samuel
47 "Evita" character
50 — Park, CO
51 Uninteresting
52 Subdue Simba
55 Pavarotti's love
59 Bit of parsley
62 Northwestern st.
63 Mouth piece?
64 Anger or envy
65 Composer Albeniz
67 Slender trace
68 Be a wise guy
69 French impression-ist
70 Chingach-gook's son
71 Nailed a gnat
72 Boitano or Blessed
74 New York city
75 Require
76 The Kit — Club
77 In addition
78 Stocking shade
80 Antsy
83 Opera feature
84 Future of the present
85 Medieval menial
86 — de plume
89 One of the Jacksons
93 Gobbled up
95 Apparel
98 Debtors' letters
101 Stud site
103 Lhasa —
104 Cabbage concoction
105 Philosopher
106 Bronte heroine
107 Where to find an onager
108 "Veni, vidi, —"
109 Markey or Bagnold
110 Fisherman's snare
111 Chalky cheese
112 Skates
113 Gumbo thickener
115 Absent
117 City on the Danube
118 Ashen



Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.

ACROSS
1. Three times 13-Down
3. The last digit is the sum of the other digits
5. Four more than 3-Across
7. Ten more than 1-Across
8. One more than 1-Down
9. One-half of 7-Across
10. Eight less than 4-Down
12. One-half of 9-Down
14. One-half of 2-Down
15. The last digit is the sum of the other digits

DOWN
1. The last digit is three times the first digit
2. Twenty less than 15-Across
3. Digits of 9-Across reversed
4. Consecutive digits rearranged
6. Consecutive digits in ascending order
7. Consecutive digits in ascending order
8. 3-Down minus 1-Down
9. Digits of 5-Across reversed
11. Fifty more than 14-Across
12. 13-Down minus 8-Across
13. Two times 3-Down

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MAGIC MAZE ● — SPIDER

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D A X V S Q E F N K I F D A X
V H T Q O C M U J H R F C A Y
W U O R L P A N N L O J H F D
F B J U M P I N G Z O X V T R
Q L S O S N K E A M D K I H F
D E O B Z E L L Y N P W W V T
R Q O W O D I W K C A L B N L
K I H F E R S E S T R B D C A
Z X W R V A R B E Z T A U S R
Q O N M K G N R A B J I B H F

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Banana
Barn
Black Widow
Crab
Funnelweb
Garden
House
Jumping
Red
Sea
Silk
Trap-door
Water
Wolf
Zebra

See answers Page 11

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Drawings by Henry Boltinoff

FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Wishing Well®

4	7	4	3	2	5	2	4	5	8	3	4	3
C	E	H	A	C	A	O	E	D	I	S	R	S
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7	3	6	2	8	3	4	5	4	6	5	4	2
G	S	E	F	M	T	S	R	H	P	O	Y	I
6	7	2	6	2	3	4	6	2	8	4	2	3
P	Y	D	R	E	L	O	O	N	E	U	C	O
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I	P	M	V	I	E	R	E	N	H	H	E	S
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M	A	N	S	E	A	R	E	S	S	H	E	D

HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

DINING, TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

CRITIC'S CORNER
By D.N.A Smith

"The Polar Express"

Running time: 97 minutes
MPAA rating: G

If "Christmas with the Kranks" is the worst Christmas movie of the season, then "The Polar Express" wins the award for unintentionally creepiest Christmas movie ever. This computer-generated movie is a train wreck from start to finish — an unqualified disaster that betrays the spirit of Christmas, the definition of Faith and guarantees that your child will have nightmares for at least a week after viewing it.

The film is about a nameless 8-year-old boy who goes to bed on Christmas Eve with doubts about the existence of Santa Claus. He is awakened by the sound and appearance of a train, The Polar Express, on his front lawn. He goes out to investigate and is ushered aboard by the Conductor (voiced by Tom Hanks, who has five roles in this film). The train is headed to the North Pole, Santa's home, and onboard are a couple of other kids with names like Hero Girl and Lonely Boy.

All the characters are supposed to be lifelike, but the way the computer generates them, they all have these creepy, glassy, dead-zombie eyes. Their mouths and teeth look unnatural. Add to the mix the fact that the kids' voices are supplied by adult actors, and the result is unsettling.

The North Pole section of the movie is also very disturbing. The elves all sound like Jewish munchkins, some of them even spout Yiddish phrases. Jews? Working for Santa? The North Pole also has a dark, totalitarian Work Camp feel to it. Is this Santa's workshop or "Clauschwitsch"?

Ultimately, the Hero Boy of the movie learns "The True Meaning of Christmas" ... receiving presents. Not giving. Receiving. Worse than that, the entire movie, which is supposed to be about having Faith, is undermined

Hero Boy

because the kid is taken to the North Pole! The definition of Faith is believing in something without needing proof, right? Of course, right.

Be forewarned: There are a couple of action scenes created specifically to be seen in 3-D in an IMAX theater. If you see the movie in a regular theater, welcome to Guess-Who's-Been-Cheated-Burg — Population: You.

Come to think of it, even if you see "The Polar Express" in an IMAX theater, you'll walk away feeling cheated. My recommendation: Avoid this picture and see "The Incredibles" instead.

GRADE: F

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Books

The Secret History of the Pink Carnation
by Lauren Willig
(Dutton, $19.95)
Reviewed by Ealish Waddell

Eloise Kelly has always loved the tales of heroic English double agents donning masks, crossing swords and outwitting the French at the turn of the 19th century. But while the aristocratic alter-egos of the famous Scarlet Pimpernel and the dashing Purple Gentian were eventually revealed, no one has ever been able to unmask the most mysterious spy of them all, the elusive Pink Carnation. For her history dissertation, Eloise resolves to do just that.

Her prospects look bleak, however, until she meets an elderly heir of Lord Richard Selwick, the Purple Gentian, who claims to hold the key to the mystery. Within a cache of ancient diaries and letters, Eloise, and the reader, is catapulted back in time to an era of decadence and intrigue, where masked men roam the streets of Paris and few people are who they seem to be.

There we meet young, headstrong Amy Balcourt, who has pledged to avenge the death of her parents by joining the league of the Purple Gentian. With her cousin and chaperone in tow, Amy sets out for France, and it isn't long before she crosses paths with her idol — though not quite in the way she had intended. Romance begins to bloom, but both Amy and Richard have resolved not to let love get in their way.

Eloise is so wrapped up in the tale that she finds it hard to deal with anything else, especially the handsome, infuriating Colin Selwick, who doesn't seem to want his family's story known. Will he succeed in keeping her from the secret of Pink Carnation now that she is so tantalizingly close?

An adventurous, witty blend of historical romance and chick lit, "The Secret History of the Pink Carnation" will delight readers who like their love stories with a bit of a twist.

Books reviewed in this column are available at your local bookstore.

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THE CHOPPING BLOCK
by Philomena Corradeno

CREAMY SOUPS ARE IDEAL WINTER FARE

The American Dairy Association/ National Dairy Council tells us that a new survey indicates that most overweight people want to lose those extra pounds and inches but find it difficult to give up the foods they love, and some of the foods they love are dairy products such as ice cream, butter and all those tempting creamy soups.

But, there's good news: Scientific research suggests that three servings of dairy a day can help them do it when combined with a reduced-calorie diet. And the calcium in dairy products helps promote strong bone growth, which is especially important for children.

To help you reach the 3-a-day goal we give you two soups, perfect for this time of year. The Pea Soup was developed by Sanford D'Amato, chef/owner of Sanford Restaurant and Coquette Cafe in Milwaukee. The Vegetable Chowder is another incredibly simple recipe from the 3-a-day program.

CREAMY PEA SOUP

- *1 medium onion (1/2 lb.), peeled and sliced thin*
- *2 stalks celery, sliced thin*
- *2 carrots, peeled and sliced thin*
- *4 trimmed leeks (4 oz.), cleaned and cut thin*
- *5 cloves garlic, crushed (or to taste)*
- *1/8 teaspoon dried thyme*
- *2 bay leaves*
- *5 cups low-sodium chicken stock*
- *4 cups (about 1 lb.) frozen peas*
- *4 cups 2 percent milk*
- *1/4 teaspoon nutmeg*
- *1 1/2 cups diced ham*
- *Salt and pepper to taste*
- *Croutons, optional*

Place a soup pot over medium heat and add onions, celery, carrots, leeks, garlic, thyme and bay leaves. Sweat vegetables, covered, for 10 minutes, stirring regularly. Add chicken stock and simmer 1 hour.

Remove and discard bay leaves and add frozen peas. When peas are cooked (1 to 2 minutes), add milk and bring to boil. Remove from heat and carefully puree, a little at a time, in a blender. Add nutmeg, ham cubes, salt and pepper. Ladle soup into bowls and garnish with croutons if desired. Makes 6 servings.

CREAMY VEGETABLE CHOWDER

- *2 tablespoons butter*
- *1 small onion, chopped*
- *3 cups fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth*
- *1 (16 oz.) bag frozen vegetable blend*
- *2 cups 1 percent reduced-fat milk*
- *1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese*
- *1 teaspoon basil*
- *1/2 teaspoon salt*
- *1/4 teaspoon pepper*

Melt butter in large saucepan. Add onion and cook until tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in chicken broth and vegetables and bring mixture to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, 5 minutes. Puree 2 1/2 cups of mixture in blender until smooth and return to saucepan. Stir in milk, cheese, basil, salt and pepper; simmer 10 minutes. Serve with additional shredded cheese, if desired. Makes 6 cups of soup.

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CONTEST ALERT: Crisco is looking for the Best All-American Family Pie Recipe. Home bakers are invited to submit their original pie recipe — only one. BUT, the adult must team up with a child 8 to 13 years old. Maribeth Badertscher of the J.M. Smucker Co. says it wants to encourage people to pass on the joys of the kitchen to children, and what better way to engage them in the creative baking process than with pie. For official rules, entry blanks and information, log on to www.crisco.com or write Crisco All-American Pie Recipe Contest, c/o Cohn & Wolfe, 292 Madison Ave., Floor 8, New York, NY 10017, enclosing a self-addressed, stamped No. 10 (business-size) envelope. Contest deadline is Jan. 31, 2005.

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CELEBRITY extra
by Evelyn Green

Q. I am hooked on "Dawson's Creek," and I have been faithfully watching the first four seasons on DVD. I have a few questions. What is Kerr Smith (Jack McPhee), one of the few homosexual Capeside residents, up to, and is he gay in real life? — *Jan S., Boston*

A. Actor Kerr Smith, 32, has been happily married to actress Harmoni Everett ("Josie and the Pussycats") since June 2003. Kerr comes from a close-knit family, and his unique first name is his grandmother's maiden name. This Pennsylvania native caught the acting buzz in his senior year of high school with a small role in the production of "The King and I." He made his television debut as Ryder Hughes in 1996 on "As the World Turns." Kerr's current project is playing Agent Kyle Brody on the WB's "Charmed."

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Q. I don't know about you, Evelyn, but I am sick of reality shows. Will we ever see an end to the onslaught? — *Timothy G., Baton Rouge, La.*

A. In a word, no. Much of America has a love-hate relationship with reality television. Many people feel it is contributing to the downfall of American intelligence, yet many enjoy it for the voyeuristic guilty pleasure of glancing into another's personal life. ABC alone is currently casting six new reality shows, among them, "The Scholar," "You Are What You Eat" and "America's Most Embarrassing Parents."

You can take heart in the fact that many of these new reality programs aren't lasting more than one season, and many of the veteran shows (i.e. "The Bachelor") are quickly slipping in the ratings. The onslaught may not

Kerr Smith

entirely cease, but perhaps we will be awarded a slight reprieve.

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Q. One of my favorite comedic actors is Will Ferrell. I loved all his characters on "Saturday Night Live" and especially loved his performance in "Elf." What new projects does he have in the works? I can't wait to see what he does next! — *Kerri D., Wilmington, N.C.*

A. You and me both! Will Ferrell has been hailed as a comic genius by his fans and peers, and luckily for us, he doesn't appear to be slowing down. Currently, Ferrell has approximately 11 movies in the works, from pre- to post-production, including "Bewitched," "The Producers" and "Talladega Nights." I am most excited to see him as Ignatius J. Reilly in the movie version of one of the best modern American novels, "A Confederacy of Dunces."

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Have a question for Evelyn? E-mail her at letters.kfws@hearstsc.com, or write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Strange BUT TRUE
By Samantha Weaver

• Everyone has heard of — and is all too familiar with — Murphy's Law, which states that if anything can go wrong, it will. There's a little-known corollary to Murphy's Law, though: "If there is a possibility of several things going wrong, the one that will go wrong is the one that will do the most damage."

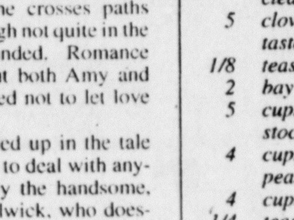
• Audrey Hepburn, that classic icon of the silver screen, had a figure that was envied by women around the world. How she kept that figure, though, is not very well known: It's been reported that her diet frequently consisted of little more than ice cubes and lettuce.

• John Tyler was the first person to become President of the United States after the death of the chief executive — and thereafter, some people began calling him "His Accidency." Other less-than-flattering presidential nicknames include "His Rotundity" for John Adams, "Martin Van Ruin" for Martin Van Buren, "Uncle Jumbo" for Grover Cleveland, "Rutherfraud" for Rutherford B. Hayes and, for reasons unclear at this time, "Dude President" for Chester A. Arthur.

• If you're a gardener, perhaps you've heard of these unusual plants: drunkard's dream, cuckoo flower, Mickey Mouse plant, dove's dung, hairy canary and Dracula. Then again, perhaps you haven't.

A Conversation With Jill Hennessy

NBC's "Crossing Jordan" is now in its fourth season. The series focuses on the people who work in the Boston medical examiner's office. The stars of the series include Miguel Ferrer as Dr. Garrett Macy, the chief medical examiner; Ravi Kapoor as "Bug," one of Macy's intrepid forensic experts; Jerry O'Connell ("Sliders") as police detective Woody Hoyt; and Jill Hennessy ("Law and Order," "Judgment at Nuremberg") as Dr. Jordan Cavanaugh, whose often unconventional and sometimes highly controversial approach to her work may create problems with her colleagues, but past experience tells them that while Jordan may go off the edge from time to time in her pursuit of the truth, the fact is, if the truth is out there, she'll find it.



"Crossing Jordan"
NBC
Saturdays

Jill Hennessy, who stars as medical examiner Dr. Jordan Cavanaugh on NBC's "Crossing Jordan," agrees that Jordan manifests a strong determination to find the clues that can solve murders or shed light on other mysteries involving the deaths of those who are brought to her examining table. And, if necessary, she'll push, press, prod and probe wherever, whenever (and sometimes whomever) she must to make that leap from the darkness of not-knowing to the enlightenment of discovery. But she rejects a suggestion that Jordan might be a tad or so obsessive about it.

"I think it's fairer to say that Jordan is like anyone else who looks for the truth," Hennessy says. "She knows it's there, and she also believes that regardless of how well-hidden it may be, that it will be found if she just stays with it."

One of the factors that may have surprised viewers when "Crossing Jordan" first debuted was the respect the characters showed to the dead, and that the bodies are never treated as specimens, but rather as persons who, although no longer alive, may be able to reveal secrets that might later be used to save other lives.

"Before we started production (on the series)," Hennessy says, "I was able to see for myself not only the dedication, but also the compassion, the caring and the respect medical examiners bring to their work. So what you see onscreen is typical of what actually happens."

Asked how she feels about a report that Jordan Cavanaugh is becoming a role model for young women who might otherwise have never considered a career as a coroner, Hennessy says, "I think it's wonderful that we're able to show young people possibilities that they were (previously) unaware of."

Jill Hennessy, who was born in Edmonton, Alberta, once played guitar and sang in the New York City subway system to support herself while pursuing her acting career. Today, she and her husband, Paolo Mastropietro, and their young son, Marco, live both in Los Angeles and Manhattan. Asked if she ever revisits those subway stations on which she performed years ago, Hennessy says, "I do, and I have wonderful memories about how kind most people were."

In Focus

James Garner, who currently stars on ABC's "8 Simple Rules," will receive the Screen Actors Guild Life Achievement Award for career achievement and humanitarian accomplishment in a ceremony airing Feb. 5 on TNT.

I asked Garner—who has earned a number of other awards over the years — how he felt when he learned about the SAG tribute.

"Honored, of course," he said. "While I feel I'm already a very lucky man to have been able to earn my living doing something I love, it's nice to know that people I've worked with over the years, people I respect for who they are and for what they do, feel they'd like to do this for me."

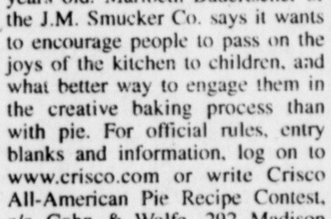
Two years ago, James Garner joined the ABC series after the unexpected death of the show's star, **John Ritter**.

"I had more or less decided by then that I'd be cutting back on my acting," he says. "But I agreed to step in and see how it would go."

And?

"And it's been going very well. I'm having a great time working with **Katey (Sagal)** and the other wonderful people on the show."

Garner, who is one-quarter Cherokee Indian, has been active in a number of humanitarian and civic causes over the years. He helped organize Martin



James Garner

Luther King's march on Washington for Civil Rights in 1963. The Korean War veteran also visited the troops in Vietnam in 1967. He is a member of the National Support Committee of the Native American Rights Fund, an advocate for children's rights and a strong supporter of efforts to save the California coastline from the devastation caused by offshore oil drilling.

As for the criticism from some quarters that actors take unfair advantage of their fame to push their political or social causes, Garner feels that it's every citizen's right to fight for what she or he believes in, and to look for others to support them.

"And I don't think it would be fair to take that right away from someone just because he or she is an actor," says Garner.

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NO QUORUM PRESENT AT MEETING OF WASHINGTON IMPROVEMENT CLUB

CAUSTIC CRITICISM OF THOSE WHO PROMISED TO BE SO ENERGETIC IN PROMOTING THE INTERESTS OF THE TOWN

The regular meeting of the Washington Improvement Club scheduled for last Tuesday evening was passed without calling to order. There was not a quorum of the membership present, due mostly, it is thought, to the very warm evening.

The few who attended bewailed the lack of interest of those who bragged so much concerning what they were about to do when the club was started and who now, through pique or disgust, refuse to act to help along the interest of the organization.

Several well known ladies who have told and bragged about what the club was doing are conspicuously noted for their absence and those who have not so much interest at stake are nearly always present to help along the town.

It has been bruited about that the club would go to pieces if no more interest was taken in its meetings than has been exemplified during the past few months. But those who are deeply interested in the welfare of the community feel there is too much work to be done to allow the organization to pass without an effort to recuperate it.

a person would think he expected to catch a whale, a porpoise or a shark. We are waiting the result of the expedition.

An ice cream wagon came to grief last Tuesday evening on the road between Washington and Riverbank in some unknown manner. The road is elevated at this point and from appearances it would seem that the driver and the wagon swerved to the side to admit the passage of an automobile. At any rate the four wheels of the vehicle were on top of the wagon last Wednesday morning, while neither horse nor driver could be found. No blood was spilled and no lives were lost.

Miss Olean Brietzke is expected home from Haywards where she has been visiting with friends during the past two weeks.

Bert Todhunter, an old resident of Washington, is an employe of "The Weed," and is replacing Johnnie Berzone, who is doing hop work north of town.

Mrs. W. Peters is visiting at the Van Deren home from Plumas County and is accompanied by her three children.

Homer Lee, Jr., is under quarantine at his home suffering with a slight case of scarlet fever and valvular heart trouble. Homer, Sr., has been barred from his home and is camping in the woodshed to his great disgust. The case is not considered serious.

Miss Maria Peterson made a short trip to San Francisco last Saturday, returning to her home on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. C. Thielan of Richmond is at the home of her mother, Mrs. P. Markey, to remain for several days.

Mrs. H. A. Patrick of Grants Pass, Oregon, was also at the Markey home for several days, but has now left for Roseville to spend a few days with relatives there.

Miss Bessie Porter is at home after spending two weeks vacation in Oakland.

Mrs. W. T. Smith (Evelyn Wolfe) spent last Saturday and Sunday in San Francisco with her husband, who expects to be moved to the front any day.

"Judy" Noyes and Clarence Harms have returned from Lake Tahoe, where they spent three successful months doing business on the lake and fishing.

J. Marty and wife went to San Francisco and Santa Cruz last Sunday to be absent for a period of two weeks.

Mrs. Dave Knox is at her home from Alameda on a short trip, during which she will prepare to go East for several months.

The McManus family which have been located on Third street for several years is about to move to Roseville because of Mr. McManus' work with the railroad company.

Misses Genevieve and Frances Sevens have been at Santa Cruz during the past week enjoying the ocean breezes.

Ralph Stewart was a visitor in town last Sunday with his folks. He was enjoying a furlough of a few days from his training quarters at Mare Island.

The passengers on the 5:20 train to Sacramento last Monday afternoon were disturbed considerably when the train arrived at the S. P. crossing at Mikon, when a dog was seen almost buried in the quicksand at the edge of the water in the Yolo basin. Dr. Herspring, County Humane Officer, was on board the train and when he arrived in Sacramento he took an auto and returned to the place and rescued the dog, which was a large collie. He had sunk so that all remaining out of the mud was his head.

The facts in the assault to B. L. Hale of Riverbank at the Merkley ranch up the river have now become public property, and evidently the story recited by Mr. Hale was only one side of the affair. It is true that he is still suffering with a badly wounded eye, but from the evidence of several people who witnessed the affair, he induced the assault by his own actions. He has taken no steps to retaliate on the party who administered to him a sound drubbing.

Persons crossing the S. P. bridge cannot help but notice the terrible condition of the stream at the Sacramento shore, and especially around the intake of the Sacramento City water works. It seems that a large load of crude oil met disaster up stream and it floated down with the current, leaving a black streak that virtually covered not less than ten feet of the surface of the river. The current being diverted to the Sacramento shore, the water intake sucked all the oil into the pipes to the delectation of the residents of Sacramento.

LEE FAMILY MET WITH SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Last Thursday evening, while on his way to Woodland, Homer Lee, accompanied by his brother, Jed, Mrs. Jed Lee and two children, met with an accident or auto mishap that might have resulted seriously but fortunately ended in the smash-up of two cars without personal injury to any of the occupants.

Driving steadily, but not more than twenty miles an hour, Homer Lee was approaching Woodland. Another auto coming towards him seemed to be driven by an inexperienced driver or else purposely crossed and recrossed the road with some purpose in view, perhaps that of scaring parties coming from the opposite direction.

Lee swerved to the right as much as possible without doing into the ditch, in fact his inside wheels took up only a foot of the concrete roadway, while the other two wheels were running on the weeds at the side of the road.

On approaching the other car, Lee slowed up considerably for it was evident to him that the driver of the other car was either drunk or had some foul purpose in view.

The cars came together all right, stripping two wheels, the fender and side steps off Lee's car, similarly damaging the other car.

Lee managed to keep his car on the roadway but the stranger went into the ditch and then up an embankment at the side of the road, breaking the front axle, steering gear and otherwise damaging the machine.

The strange car had no license number on it but the driver gave Mr. Lee his name as McGowan and promised to meet him next morning in Woodland to make good the damage to the automobile.

Next morning in Woodland the stranger did not put in an appearance and Homer Lee will have to stand the damage to his Ford.

The Yolo Independent is on sale at Gray's News Agency, 429 K street, Sacramento, and at the Post Office in Washington.

PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING WILL BE READY SOON

CONTRACTORS EXPECT TO FINISH BEFORE TIME ALLOWANCE

Powell and Birdsall expect to have the public school building finished by September 10th, within the time allowance granted in the contract made two months ago.

The inside finishing is now being done and the painters are following up right behind the carpenters.

All plumbing has been installed and from present appearances there seems nothing to stand in the way of the opening of the school on any date before September 15th.

It remains with the School Trustees to say when the fall session will open.

The outside of the building at this writing looks crude and unfinished.

The first coat of concrete facing has been started and will be finished the early part of next week. A second finishing coat is to be placed on this that will give the building the appearance of a solid concrete structure and it is estimated that it will be just as solid, substantial and comfortable as any concrete building.

The contractors, Powell and Birdsall, have lost no time in this particular and the splendid work done by them has enabled them to secure another contract for a public school building at Rio Linda.

Every detail of their contract has been fulfilled so far and to the satisfaction of the architect, Mr. Hemmings, and to the School Trustees. There has been no shirking nor substitution and the structure will be a credit and an ornament to the town when the contractors complete their work.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES WILL CELEBRATE OPENING

BIG BLOW-OUT WILL BE GIVEN FOR SCHOOL DEDICATION

The School Trustees of Washington intend to celebrate the dedication of the public school in a manner befitting the opening of this handsome structure.

The date of the opening cannot yet be specified because there is a possibility that some hitch may come along to hinder the completion of the structure.

For the occasion it is the intention of the trustees to invite the notables of Yolo and Sacramento counties and to secure the services of some of the public speakers who know so well how to make occasions of this kind memorable.

It will be announced in The Independent in a later issue when the opening will take place and the arrangements will be published so that every interested property owner may take part.

HOP PICKING IS IN FULL BLAST NORTH OF TOWN

Every hop yard in Yolo County has many hands busy disposing of the hop crop along the River, north of town.

Hundreds of families and many other hundreds of individuals are busy picking the crop and farmers are experiencing very little trouble with their help.

The prices vary between $1 per hundred pounds and $1.25, although most of the raisers are paying the latter price.

Last Monday the white pickers on the Kent Lovdal farm who were receiving $1 per hundred struck because the Chinese on the same ranch were getting $1.25. The trouble was amicably settled and all hands went back to work.

Everybody coming along who wants work may obtain it and at the figure given by the raisers some of the pickers make as high as $6 and $7 per day.

Proper accommodations are provided for all the workers and in the case of families each one is given the secrecy of a little home or tent house.

There are still many acres to be picked but it is estimated that the season will not be completed within the next three weeks.

Supplies of all kinds are being furnished by the storekeepers of Washington and by the farmers themselves who provide provisions, even luxuries, for their help. Nobody is hungry and while hop picking is not the cleanest employment in the world the wages realized are an incentive to work.

The price of hops is now being quoted around 30 and 31 cents, but raisers are not over anxious to sell, for it is anticipated there is a possibility the price may go as high as 35 or 40 cents.

In Sonoma County a price of 31½ cents is being offered with few takers. That county's crop is considered a little better than the Yolo County production.

RIBS BROKEN WHEN WOMAN LEAPS FROM AUTO

HUSBAND AND WIFE FINED $30 EACH FOR STEALING HAY

Before Judge Barry last Monday J. W. Weed and Emily L. Weed, his wife, were convicted of stealing hay from a Japanese in West Sacramento.

They were fined $30 each, or sentenced to serve 30 days in the County Jail.

Immediately following the sentence, Constable Russell proceeded to take them to Woodland in his automobile and when still within the town limits of Washington Mrs. Weed became crazed with fright and jumped from the machine.

She evidently struck on the running board of the auto and sustained one or two broken ribs.

Constable Russell proceeded to Woodland with his prisoners, landing the husband in the County Jail and the wife at the County Hospital.

Immediately following their departure for Woodland a Sacramento friend paid the fines for both parties and they are now at liberty.

There is one man at the City Hall who is not worrying a bit about the City Tapper Ordinance and that is the City Tapper.

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Photo history of West Sacto

By Louisa R. Vessell and Jeri Hughes-Wingfield West Sacramento Historical Society

Recently, the West Sacramento Historical Society published *Images of America -- West Sacramento,* a pictorial book on West Sacramento beginning with photographs from the early 1900's to present day. The book is divided into six categories: early inhabitants of Washington Township, and Broderick, Bryte, West Sacramento, Southport, and City of West Sacramento.

The society ran ads for several weeks in the local papers asking individuals to provide photographs for the original manuscript. Other photographs were obtained from other community members, the California History Section of the California State Library, Yolo County Archives, West Sacramento Police Department, West Sacramento Land Company, City of West Sacramento, West Sacramento Fire Department, and the California Department of Water Resources.

"Community members opened their personal collections to us for this book," said Thom Lewis, president of the historical society. "These family photographs tell the history of our community and there are pictures of individuals, businesses, agriculture, schools, beauty queens, churches and much more."

Volunteer members of the historical society who worked on the book were Thom Lewis, Jeri Hughes-Wingfield, Verna Ellis, Mickey Fausett, Cecilia Vasquez, Louisa R. Vessell and Don Minnich.

"The best thing about the book is that it brought all the various communities into one group," said Jeri Hughes-Wingfield. "It shows how we have overcome old barriers and become one city. Now we're all together with a common history."

Verna Ellis did further research reading Frank T. Gilbert's book, *The Illustrated Atlas and History of Yolo County*, and William Russell's book, *History of Yolo County*. She also visited the Yolo County Archives and the Sacramento Archives and Museum Collection Center for further information.

The society acknowledges in the book those individuals who have also documented the history of West Sacramento, including Julius Feher, Shipley Walters, Virginia Weathers, Martin A. Cabalzar, and Margaret Landsburg.

"I have lived in West Sacramento since 1989 and I was just going to thumb through the book quickly and found it impossible to do," said Diane Rosales. "I wanted to see every picture and read the book immediately, which I did. After reading the book it was like being taken back in time. My hat is off to all those who worked on the book."

The book may be purchased by contacting Jeri Hughes-Wingfield at 371-7678 or Louisa R. Vessell at 451-2113. Gorman's Stationery and Homer's Florist also carry the book. The historical society receives a portion of the sales for the organization's projects.

LOCAL from back page

eligible residents on Tuesday, Jan. 25 from 8-9:30 a.m. at the county building on Jefferson Blvd. in West Sacramento; from 9-9:30 a.m. at Community Lutheran Church; from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the Yolo Housing Authority, 685 Lighthouse Dr.; and from 10-11 a.m. at the Clarksburg Firehouse. Please bring a bag. For information on eligibility, call (530) 758-6821.

Preschool

There are openings for three-year olds at Discovery Preschool, operated by the City of West Sacramento. Three-month session, fees vary. Students must be potty-trained. Call 617-4620.

Graduation

A ceremony will be held for the graduating class of the Yolo County Conservation Partnership at 1 p.m. on January 21 at the county board of supervisors chambers, 625 Court Street in Woodland. The program provides community-based activities for wards of the court, with 15 youths participating in each five-month session.

Acting Academy

Registration is being accepted for the Woodland Opera House Young People's Theatre Acting Academy. Six-week winter courses include creative drama, actor's workshop, musical theatre and scene study. Call (530) 666-9617.

History society

Yolo County's Historical Society will host author John Lofland to discuss his book, "Davis: Radical Changes, Deep Constants," a history of Davis. The talk and general meeting will be held from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 23, at the Hattie Weber Museum, 5th and C streets in Davis.

Gnosticism

The Center for Spiritual Awareness in West Sacramento says if you liked Dan Brown's mystery "The Da Vinci Code," you'll love the three-hour workshop "Beyond the Da Vinci Code: Gnosticism for the 21st Century." The workshop will be held on Sunday, Feb. 6, from 2-5 p.m. at 1020 West Capitol Avenue. $25 in advance or $30 at the door. Call 374-9177 for more information.

Hazardous waste

Yolo County will host a "household hazardous waste collection day" at the county landfill on Sat., Jan. 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Household materials such as cans of paint, pesticids, herbicide, motor oil, poisons, cleaners, aerosols, solvents, gasoline and other hazardous waste items will be accepted. Call (530) 666-8729.

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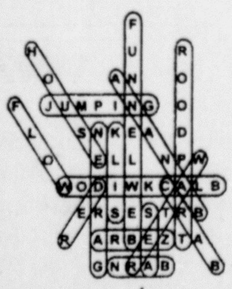

Answers

1. Maury Wills (1961-62)
2. Cecil Fielder in 1991
3. Ole Miss and Mississippi State
4. Rick Carlisle (2001-03) and Pat Riley (1981-83)
5. Dryden was inducted in 1983, Esposito in 1984.
6. Czechoslovakia
7. Ezzard Charles

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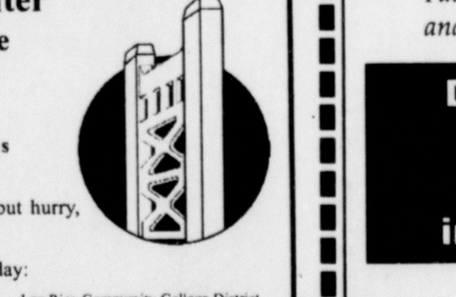

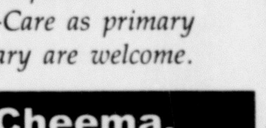

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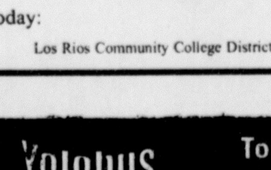

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Local Scene

Sunset Ave. closure

Work on the Lower Northwest Interceptor sewage project is expected to close a lane on Sunset Avenue between Lisbon and North Harbor Wednesday through Friday this week, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Traffic controls will be in effect during temporary closures in each direction.

'Bingo for Baskets'

The West Sacramento Soroptimists will hold 'bingo for baskets,' along with a tostada lunch, on Sunday, Feb. 13 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars on Drever Street. $10 includes lunch and 15 games, from 1-4 p.m., and proceeds support local service projects. Bingo prizes are valued at $35-50. Bring a friend and your dauber. For tickets, call 371-4268. The next bingo date is April 3.

Grant program

The City of West Sacramento is selecting grant requests through the 2004-05 Community Mini-Grant program. A total of $20,000 is available for organizations serving the region. Applications must be turned in to the parks department by January 31. Call 617-4620 for information.

Foster parenthood

The Soroptimist International of West Sacramento will host a "Why Become a Foster Parent?" workshop on Saturday, Jan. 22, from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Arthur Turner Branch Library, 1212 Merkley Avenue. There is a need for new foster parents in West Sacramento, reports Soroptimist, because the region has high incidence of child neglect and abuse but lower participation of foster parents. Call *82-372-5117 for information.

Little League

West Sacramento Little League is holding online registration for the 2005 season on Jan. 19 from 6-8 p.m. at the new Round Table Pizza in Southport, and on Jan. 22 from 11 am. to 1 p.m. at Sidewalk Pizza. Online signups are at www.westsacll.com. You may also phone Jeff Morazzini, 996-6160, for information.

Spaghetti feed

The River City High School cheerleading competition squad and Club West Cheerleaders invite you to a spaghetti feed on Jan. 22 at the VFW Hall, 905 Drever St. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. Cost is $7 and proceeds help the squads attend national competition in the next two months. Tickets will be sold at the door of the spaghetti feed or by calling Leslie Pruitt, 417-4722.

Casino trip

The Italian Catholic Federation Branch 282 will sponsor a bus trip to the Jackson Casino in Jackson on January 24. Cost is $20, with a casino rebate of $10. Departure at 10 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. For reservations, call Alma, 371-4871.

Kindergarten

Registration for 2005-2006 kindergarteners at Our Lady of Grace School will be held Thursday, Feb. 10, at 6:30 p.m. Children must be age five by Sept. 1. Please bring a birth certificate, immunization records, a $250 registration fee and baptism certificate (if applicable). Call 371-9416 for information.

Crab feed

The Collings Teen Center and Huntington's Disease Society of America will host a crab feed fundraiser on Sat., Feb. 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the teen center, 1541 Merkley Avenue. The event will benefit both organizations. $30 includes crab, salad, bread and dessert. Call 372-1894 for information.

College aid

River City High School will host a financial aid information night on Wed., Jan. 19, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the school library. Senior class students bound for college or trade school, and their parents, are invited.

Gala

The West Sacramento police and firefighter gala will be held from 5:30-11 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5, at the "ziggurat" building. Black-tie optional; dinner and dancing, music by Mumbo Gumbo. There will be a silent auction, and catering will be by Red Bag Catering. $50 per person; sponsorships available. Proceeds benefit the Collings West Sacramento Teen Center. Call 617-4940 or 617-4603.

Holy Cross Class of '75

Graduates of the Holy Cross School Class of 1975 are being sought for a reunion being planned for this fall. Email your current address and pass along information about classmates' contact information to Mary Jean Carvalho-DeSouza, pmcm19@sbcglobal.net or Bruce Rojo, Biggtwin@aol.com. Alumni are also sought to be on the planning committee.

Supporting elderly

Nugget Market has signed up for a program to benefit the Elderly Nutrition Program of Yolo County, which helps provide services including meals for shut-in seniors. Bring your Nugget receipts to a drop box at the store in West Sacramento and the store will donate 1% of the value tabulated on all collected receipts to the Elderly Nutrition Program. Receipts may also be delivered to the meal site manager, Patty Hickey, at the West Sacramento Senior Center, 666 Cummins Way.

Pipeline info

An informational meeting on the Lower Northwest Interceptor Project will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 25, at the West Sacramento Civic Center. The meeting will cover the issue of potential impacts from "dewatering" – removing water from the ground – during construction. Please call (916) 567-6309 in advance if you plan to attend.

'Toying with science'

A new exhibition uses toys to "have a ball playing with physical science" at the Explorit Science Center, 3141 5th Street in Davis. The exhibit runs through March 13, and cost is $3 per person (ages 4 and up). The exhibit uses toys to "play" with concepts such as gravitational pull and energy transfer. Call (530) 756-0191.

Navy/Marine TV

Last year's goodwill visit of a U.S. guided missile cruiser to the port of Vladivostok, Russia, is among the topics on the current Navy-Marine Corps news TV program airing on Charter Cable TV Channel 21 at 6:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

Food giveaway

The Food Bank of Yolo County will distribute food to

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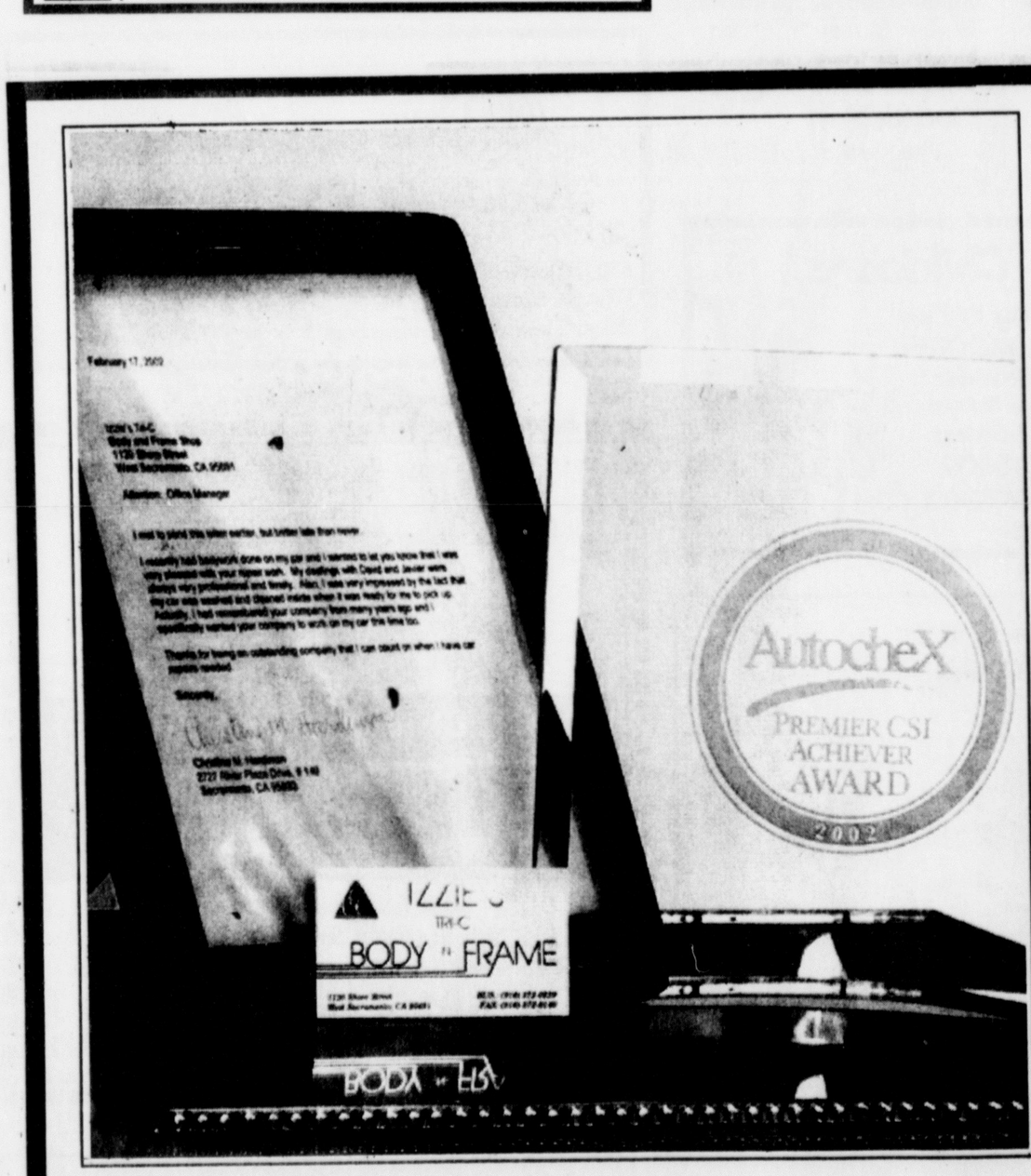

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